



JC03 Rec'd PCT/PTO 02 MAY 2005

PCT

#3

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tom R. Belau et al. Docket No.: 18163
Serial No.: 10/524,718 Group No.: Unknown
Confirmation No.: Unknown Examiner: Unknown
Filed: February 15, 2005
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING DUAL PATTERN BONDING

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)
Before First Office Action or Within Three Months of Filing Date
1 Page(s) of PTO Form 1449
7 Document(s)

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to:

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

on: April 29, 2005

Nanette A. Dotts

(Type or print name of person mailing paper)

Nanette A. Dotts
(Signature of person mailing paper)

(Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) [8-21])



in the United States Patent and Trademark Office

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|-------------|----------------|
| Applicant: | Tom R. Belau et al. | Docket No.: | 18163 |
| Serial No.: | 10/524,718 | Group No.: | Unknown |
| Confirmation No.: | Unknown | Examiner: | Unknown |
| Filed: | February 15, 2005 | Date: | April 29, 2005 |
| For: | ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING DUAL PATTERN BONDING | | |

**Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)
Before First Office Action or Within Three Months of Filing Date**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the modified PTO 1449 Form.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97,

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-4558.

Respectfully submitted,

TOM R. BELAU ET AL.

By: 

David J. Klann

Registration No.: 46,833

List of Patents and Publications for Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant(s): Tom R. Belau et al.

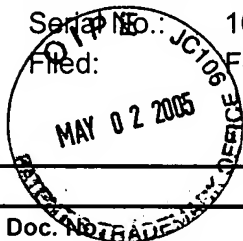
Docket No.: 18163

Serial No.: 10/524,718

Group: Unknown

Filed: February 15, 2005

Examiner: Unknown



U.S. Patent Documents

| Initials | | Doc. No. | Date | Name | Class | Subclass | Filing Date |
|----------|-----|-----------|---------|---------------------|-------|----------|-------------|
| | A1 | 4,663,220 | 05/1987 | Wisneski et al. | | | |
| | A2 | 4,823,783 | 04/1989 | Willhite Jr. et al. | | | |
| | A3 | 5,096,532 | 03/1992 | Neuwirth et al. | | | |
| | A4 | 5,110,403 | 05/1992 | Ehlert | | | |
| | A5 | 5,226,992 | 07/1993 | Morman | | | |
| | A6 | 5,545,275 | 08/1996 | Herrin et al. | | | |
| | A7 | 5,695,868 | 12/1997 | Mccormack | | | |
| | A8 | 5,733,411 | 03/1998 | Bett | | | |
| | A9 | 5,788,797 | 08/1998 | Herrin et al. | | | |
| | A10 | 5,843,056 | 12/1998 | Good et al. | | | |
| | A11 | 5,931,827 | 08/1999 | Buell et al. | | | |
| | A12 | 6,149,934 | 11/2000 | Krzysik et al. | | | |
| | A13 | 6,309,487 | 10/2001 | Herrin et al. | | | |
| | A14 | 6,537,401 | 03/2003 | Couillard et al. | | | |
| | A15 | 6,552,245 | 04/2003 | Roessler et al. | | | |

Foreign Patent Documents

| Initials | | Doc. No. | Date | Country | Class | Subclass | Trans. | |
|----------|----|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|-------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Yes | No |
| | A1 | EP 0 217 032 A2 | 04/1987 | Europe | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | A2 | EP 0 531 666 A1 | 03/1993 | Europe – English Abstract | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | A3 | EP 0 657 153 A2 | 06/1995 | Europe | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | A4 | WO 01/70159 A1 | 09/2001 | World-PCT | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | A5 | WO 02/34184 A1 | 05/2002 | World-PCT | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | A6 | WO 2004/017885 A1 | 03/2004 | World-PCT | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other Documents

| Initials | | Author, Title, Date, Pages, etc. |
|----------|----|---|
| | A1 | American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) Designation: D5733-99, "Standard Test Method for Tearing Strength of Nonwoven Fabrics by the Trapezoid Procedure," pp. 1-6, published January 2000. |

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with your next communication.

Examiner:

Date Considered: